

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1999

HOUSE BILL 1659
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NO-WAKE SPEED ZONES IN CARTERET COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. It is unlawful to operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed in Gallant's Channel in Carteret County from Duke Marine Laboratory's south docks to the rock jetty on the east side of Radio Island. No-wake speed is idle speed or a slow speed creating no appreciable wake.

Section 2. It is unlawful to operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed in Bogue Sound at Salter Path in Carteret County in an area from Mariner's Point to the west boundary line of the Salter Path community and extending 100 feet from the shoreline into the sound. No-wake speed is idle speed or a slow speed creating no appreciable wake.

Section 3. With regard to marking the no-wake speed zones established in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Carteret County or its designee may place and maintain the markers in accordance with the Uniform Waterway Marking System and any supplementary standards from such a system adopted by the Wildlife Resources Commission. All markers of the no-wake speed zone shall be buoys or floating signs placed in the water and must be sufficient in number and size to give adequate warning of the no-wake speed zone to the vessels approaching from various directions.

Section 4. This act is enforceable under G.S. 75A-17 as if it were a provision of Chapter 75A of the General Statutes.

Section 5. Violation of Section 1 or 2 of this act is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

Section 6. This act applies only to Carteret County.

Section 7. This act is effective when it becomes law and is enforceable after markers complying with Section 3 of this act are placed in the water.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of June, 2000.

Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives